

REMARKS

For the convenience of the Examiner, the following Remarks are organized under appropriate subheadings.

Office Action Summary

In the Deposition of the Claims section of the Office Action Summary page, Claims 5-7, 13, 17, 18 and 66 are indicated as pending and Claims 5-7, 13, 17 and 66 are indicated as allowed. Applicants assume the Examiner inadvertently omitted Claim 18 as allowable and that Claim 18 is allowed.

Amendments to the Specification

The Examiner suggested that Applicants delete the Table of Contents in the first two pages of the Specification. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicants have amended the Specification to delete the Table of Contents. No new matter has been added in the amendment to the Specification. Entry of the amendment to the Specification is requested.

Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f)

The Examiner stated that there is no statement under 37 CFR § 1.821(f) in the record.

Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith a Substitute Sequence Listing in paper form (sheets 1/7 through 7/7) comprising SEQ ID NOS: 1-12 for the above-identified patent application as required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.825(a) and 1.821(c), and a copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.825(b) and 1.821(e). Please replace the Substitute Sequence Listing filed on February 8, 2002 (sheets 1/6 through 6/6), with the attached paper form of the Substitute Sequence Listing (sheets 1/7 through 7/7).

As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(b), Applicants' Agent hereby states that the contents of the Substitute Sequence Listing in paper form and in the computer readable form submitted

herewith are the same and, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a), also states that the submission includes no new matter. Therefore, Applicants have made a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) that the paper copy of the Sequence Listing and the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing are the same.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment to the Specification and the concurrently filed Substitute Sequence Listing, with accompanying statement that the paper form and computer readable form of the Substitute Sequence Listing are the same, it is believed that Claims 5-7, 13, 17, 18 and 66 are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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